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25X1 13. [ ] - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and left with him a copy of the portion of the Agency's briefing statement on Laos which was given to the Senate Appropriations Committee's Intelligence Operations Subcommittee at our budget hearing last Friday.

Mr. Preston told me the Committee will be meeting tomorrow and included in the agenda is discussion of continuing resolution and problems that have been encountered with the Department of Defense under the continuing resolution in prior years.

Mr. Preston also request that he be provided a copy of the Director's budget presentation or outline notes two to three days in advance of the meeting so that he may better prepare the Chairman before the next meeting. He told me that although he has not made a similar request in the past, this is the normal procedure and that with the many problems facing the Chairman that are related to our budget, he feels it will be necessary this time for more advance preparation of the Chairman. I thanked him for the advance notice and told him I would relay the request.

14. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mrs. Lois G. Myers, Employee Benefits Staff, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that she had reviewed some portions of the file with Mr. Barton and knows of no further material that he will need from us. She suggested that it would be well to cover the matter with him on his return tomorrow.

15. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph J. Devlin, Staff Assistant, Subcommittee on Retirement, Insurance, and Health Benefits, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that the Committee hearings on the amendments to the Civil Service Retirement Act for law enforcement officers and others engaged in hazardous duty went well but the legislation does not appear to have much chance of passage at this time.

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1. (Unclassified - GLC) Per the Director's instructions I called Mr. Larry McHugh, Joint Economic Committee staff, and told him that while the Director wanted to be helpful he would prefer to help the Committee in its August hearings on the Soviet economy by providing information to the Committee through the State Department as we did in 1969. This was an arrangement which was worked out between Senator Proxmire and the Director personally. McHugh asked about the appearance of other Agency witnesses and I told him the Director was normally the only spokesman for the Agency with the Congress and both we and our Committees prefer to keep it that way. McHugh seemed to accept this arrangement, at least for the moment, but said he would discuss it with Senator Proxmire to be sure it was agreeable with him. He will let me know the results of that conversation.

25X1A 2. (Secret - GLC) Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and left with him the copy of the portion of the Agency's briefing statement on Laos which was given to the Senate Appropriations Committee's Intelligence Operations Subcommittee at our budget hearing last Friday. Braswell expressed his continuing concern over the problems Senator Stennis will encounter on the Senate floor when he brings up the Defense procurement authorization bill. He said Senator Stennis is considering sending letters to the Secretary of Defense and to the Director in an attempt to pin down the Administration's plans for operations in Laos for fiscal 1972. It was clear that Braswell needed the kind of background briefing we have given our other CIA Subcommittee staff members so I arranged for [ ] C/FE, to brief him later in the day on the situation in Laos. Mr. Jim Woolsey, of the Committee staff, also attended this briefing. Both men found the briefing very helpful for they feel certain that one or more of the Senate members will call for a secret session on Laos when the procurement bill is being discussed.

3. (Secret - GLC) In response to his request, left with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, a copy of the briefing statement on Laos which was used in our budget hearing on 11 June.

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